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read tomorrow and we accomplished that, then we would have the opportunity to examine, and the opportunity, if there were any vetoes, to override those before the session was over. then would be the last day for General File, that you would need to get some of those done. We...if there were emergencies or other problems, I suppose we could address them. But for sure, Monday then would be the last day for Select. Everything would have to be done next Monday for Select File, and they'd have to be back from Select and be in Final Reading form to be considered yet this year. Tuesday would then be the...a legislative day that would be a layover day. Probably do some Final Reading that day, would look at maybe if we want to make some amendments on things that wouldn't be read this year. that would be a fairly limited scope of things. We would not meet Wednesday. And then Thursday we would meet, consider any overrides, do whatever Final Reading is left, and that would be the 89th day. I see no reason to have a 90th day. Now, for some...some are going to say, hooray, hooray, we're out of here. But I'll tell you, the Legislature's been so productive year, I think the way to emphasize it to the public is, we don't have to meet for meeting's sake, and we don't have to meet to have another day to find some other ways to accomplish them. know what our goal was. We know what our priorities were. accomplished those. You've had a lean budget. That's evidenced by a very few vetoes. That's a huge accomplishment, and I think there's going to be money left on the table. But we're not going to meet to the very last hour, to the very last day, spend the last dime. That's not true. And I'd suggest that I don't think this Legislature would do that anyway. certainly, that's the plan that I would suggest to you. Starting tomorrow, that's what I would hope that we would try to accomplish by reading Final Reading tomorrow. So I want to take this time, before we go into the General File priority bills. Actually, Senator Coordsen needed a little more time to think of what to say. Actually, he's five minutes into his opening; you just don't realize it. (Laughter) But I really think that this is a historic opportunity for this Legislature to put an exclamation point on a very, very good session. And I d hope that you'd consider that and...obviously, I don't want to guarantee the passage of any bill. That's up to you to decide how we're going to do it. But in terms of being able to consider them and process them, we've done a lot, and I think we